

### Remarks

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bittinger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5923,326) in view of Tilt (US Patent No. 5,363,481).

Bittinger provides a means for attaching a secondary window to a primary window, where the secondary window is related to the primary window as an enhancer. There is no task to be performed from within the secondary window that is related to the user input of the primary window, and, as stated in the office action, Bittinger does not show that the secondary window closes upon expiration of a timer.

Tilt is directed to highlighting a particular menu selection, generally related to the settings for the primary window. A user clicks a button on a toolbar, the options appear, and as the knob is turned, the menu scrolls down with each option being highlighted as it scrolls. The user input does not have to do with a task to be performed, and the secondary window does not provide an interface for the performance of the secondary task.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to require that the user input that results in the secondary application specify a task to be performed. This is supported in the specification on page 3, lines 16-31, as an example. Further, these claims have been amended to more clearly state that the task performed is that specified by the user input. This is not shown, taught nor suggested by the combination of references. It is therefore submitted that claims 1 and 12 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claims 4 and 6 depend from claim 1, and claim 15 depends from claim 12. The dependent claims inherently contain all of the limitations of the base claims. As the limitations of the base claims are not taught by the prior art, they cannot teach the further embodiments of the dependent claims. It is therefore submitted that claims 4, 6 and 15 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claim 7 has been amended such that the primary application interface is set forth, that allows a user input to specify a task to be performed, and the secondary application has been associated with that task. This is not shown nor taught by the combination of references, as discussed above. It is therefore submitted that claim 7 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of this claim is requested.

Claims 9 and 11 depend from claim 7. The dependent claims inherently contain all of the limitations of the base claims. As the limitations of the base claims are not taught by the

prior art, they cannot teach the further embodiments of the dependent claims. It is therefore submitted that claims 9 and 11 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claims 2 and 13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bittinger et al. in view of Tilt, and further in view of Stucka, et al. (US Patent No. 5,596,702).

For the reasons discussed above, the combination of Bittinger and Tilt do not teach all of the limitations of the base claims 1 and 12. The addition of Stucka to the combination does not overcome this deficiency. It is therefore submitted that claims 2 and 13 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claims 3 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bittinger et al. in view of Tilt, and further in view of Frank et al. (US Patent No. 5,651,107). As discussed above, the combination of Bittinger and Tilt do not teach all of the limitations of the base claims 1 and 12. Frank is directed to gamma-blending of two windows, generally both related to the same application. The secondary application interface is not associated with a task to be performed designated by a user input in the first application. The addition of Frank to the combination does not overcome this deficiency. It is therefore submitted that claims 3 and 14 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

Claims 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bittinger et al. in view of Tilt, and further in view of Blades et al. (US Patent No. 5,465,358). the combination of Bittinger and Tilt do not teach all of the limitations of the base claims 1 and 10. The addition of Blades to the combination does not overcome this deficiency. Blades is directed to displaying default settings, but are not related to a task activated from a first application that results in the display of a secondary application user interface. It is therefore submitted that claims 5 and 10 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

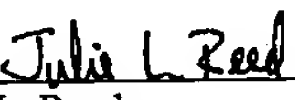
Claim 8 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bittinger et al. in view of Tilt, and further in view of McCoy et al. (US Patent No. 6,526,575). the combination of Bittinger and Tilt do not teach all of the limitations of the base claim 7. The addition of McCoy to the combination does not overcome this deficiency. McCoy merely teaches that a timer can be viewed on a user interface, not that the timer is related to the appearance of the secondary user interface. There is no secondary user interface in McCoy. It is therefore submitted that claim 8 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of this claim is requested.

**Conclusion**

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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